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Dear Mr. Cason,

Thank you for taking the time on Thursday to meet with Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. In follow-up to this meeting, please find details on the Inter-Tribal Gathering on June 8-11 attached below with an invitation to attend and hold a DOI public hearing on Bears Ears.

Thank you and please let us know at your earliest convenience if you can make it. Sincerely,

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- a non-profit supporting Native Tribes working together to **Protect Bears Ears** -

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May 27, 2017

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*Re: Invitation to Inter-Tribal Gathering & Potential for DOI Public Hearing, June 8-11*

Dear Associate Deputy Secretary Cason,

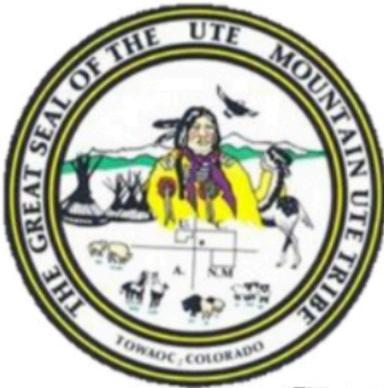
I appreciate the time you spent listening and discussing Bears Ears National Monument with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition tribal leaders and myself on Thursday, May 25, 2017. In follow-up to the verbal invitation by Chairman Cuthair of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe during our meeting, Utah Diné Bikéyah (UDB) now sends you the formal invitation in hopes that you, Secretary Zinke, and other key officials involved in the National Monuments review will attend our “Inter-Tribal Gathering.” It will be held from Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> on Ute Mountain Ute lands located inside the Bears Ears National Monument. As stated, UDB also offers logistical support for DOI to hold a public meeting/listening session for San Juan County citizens during this event. Importantly, this meeting should happen in a location that is not hostile to Native Americans. To RSVP for the event or for additional information, please contact Nizhone Meza at (435) 659-0656 or nizhone@utahdinebikyah.org.

As stated in our public comment submitted yesterday, Utah Diné Bikéyah strongly supports the Bears Ears National Monument in its entirety. We urge you to maintain Bears Ears as established on December 28, 2016, and hope that meeting the people and seeing the land will provide more information for the review process.

Respectfully,

Gavin Noyes, Executive Director  
Utah Diné Bikéyah

# BEARS EARS INTER-TRIBAL GATHERING



**Thurs. June 8 – Sun. June 11, 2017**  
**Intersection of Comb Wash Rd. & HWY 95**

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